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April 13, 2016

The Honorable Anthony R. Foxx
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Foxx,

Please accept this letter of support for the 2016 FASTLANE grant application submitted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the statewide deployment of Truck Parking Availability System (TPAS).

The grant money will be used to deploy TPAS on 74 public facilities (rest areas, welcome centers, and weigh-in-motion stations) and will provide real-time truck parking availability information to the commercial vehicle operators within the state. This is the first phase of deployment on the public facility and will be scaled to the private truck stops in future. FDOT has successfully tested a pilot location along I-95 at St. Johns County rest area near Jacksonville, Florida that currently disseminates real-time parking information.

The Florida's and National Highway System (NHS) carries a significant number of long-distance commercial trips as well as internally to and from the 11 deep water seaports. In general, there is an adequate number of parking available within the state, but there is a severe lack of information on where the parking spots are in real-time. As a result, Florida experiences overflow parking at some rest areas than the others.

Commercial vehicle operators spend a significant amount of time looking for safe and convenient parking spots. This undermines their safety, limits their productivity and increases the cost of business for the shippers. This project will help improve highway safety and mobility within the State of Florida as well as provide real-time information for dispatchers to pre-plan the trips.

Thank you for your consideration of this FASTLANE grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 222-9900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tisha Crews Keller".

Tisha Crews Keller
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The highway system in Florida serves our commercial community transportation needs for intrastate and interstate transportation, including as an intermodal hub for 11 deep water seaports. In general, there is an adequate commercial parking available within the state, but there is a severe lack of information for commercial vehicle operators to determine parking availability in real-time. As a result, Florida experiences overflow parking at many rest areas while other facilities may not reach capacity. This project will help improve real-time information to commercial vehicle operators and dispatchers, which will increase efficiency and safety on our transportation system.

Thank you for your consideration of this FASTLANE grant request from FDOT. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me at (850) 617-3100.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

cc: Secretary Jim Boxold, Department of Transportation